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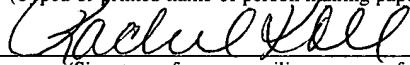
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 Based on PCT/AU2004/001304 filed September 24, 2004 for  
**ADJUSTABLE INLET VALVE WITH AIR GAP**  
 Our Docket: 020406 047P2

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Transmitted herewith are the following in the above-identified application:

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